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FOR: METHODS OF TREATING PRION DISEASE IN MAMMALS

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Sir:

AMENDMENT

Applicants respond as follows to Office Action dated January 14, 2002. Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 15 without prejudice.

B1
1. (amended) A method of treating a prion disease in a mammal, comprising administering a prion protein denaturing effective agent to the mammal and inducing hyperthermia in the mammal.

B2
16. (amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said hyperthermia is produced through applying microwave energy.

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17. (amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said hyperthermia is induced by administering pyrogenic material to the mammal.

Please add the following new claims.